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SUBJ: MAVERICK CO PRODUCTION-EXPORT LICENSE
FOR AGM-65B

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1. GEN TOUFANIAN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE
AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 25 REQUESTING A RECONSIDERATION OF
AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR AGM-65B FOR IRAN. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO RECONSIDER AN
EXPORT LICENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR THE AGM-65B
SCENE MAGNIFICATION MAVERICK MISSILE. A RECONSIDERATION
IS REQUESTED BASED ON LATER RATIONALE AS FOLLOWS:

1. IT IS NOTED, FROM PUBLISHED DATA THAT THE AGM-65B
IS NOW IN PRODUCTION WHICH, IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN A
CRITERION FOR RELEASE.

2. IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE CHANGES FROM THE "A"
VERSION TO THE "B" VERSION ARE MINIMAL. THAT IS,
"NEW OPTICS", "A STRONGER GIMBAL MOUNT" AND "SLIGHT
CHANGES IN THE ELECTRONICS" ARE USED IN THE "B"
AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS ALREADY MADE THE NEW
GIMBAL MOUNT COMMON TO THE AGM-65A.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS NOW PROCEEDED THROUGH
THE MANUFACTURING PLAN PHASE TO COP-PRODUCE THE AGM-65A
AND STANDS READY TO ENTER INTO THE ACTUAL CO-PRODUCTION
PHASE. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THE "A" AND "B"
VERSIONS ARE SO SIMILAR AND ARE USED OPERATIONALLY IN
A COMPLIMENTARY MANNER, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO PRODUCE

AGM-65Q AND AGM-65B RATHER THAN JUST AGM-65A.

4. FINALLY, IF RELEASE OF THE SCENE MAGNIFICATION
MISSILE CAN NOT BE MADE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN WOULD BE MAKING A VERY LARGE
INVESTMENT ONLY TO REACH A TECHNOLOGY IMPASSE.
EARLY RECONSIDERATION AND AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TO
RELEASE THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. END TEXT.
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